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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 29, 2006. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 29, 2006. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through July 29, 2006 were 5.23 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 24 2006	Jul 1 2006	Jul 8 2006	Jul 15 2006	Jul 22 2006	Jul 29 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,768	31,865	*31,361	32,033	32,037	32,036
AR	29,739	29,397	29,697	30,275	*30,127	30,146
DE	3,957	3,765	3,887	3,969	3,824	3,825
FL	1,373	1,369	*1,344	1,344	1,364	1,344
GA	34,559	34,920	34,205	35,020	34,858	34,468
KY	6,831	*6,927	7,105	7,264	*7,175	7,337
LA	3,923	3,923	*3,954	3,954	3,954	3,954
MD	9,007	8,959	8,934	8,942	8,855	8,859
MS	17,732	17,038	*17,947	17,916	17,720	17,914
NC	18,436	17,973	*18,170	*18,729	18,416	18,434
OK	6,493	6,307	6,118	6,252	*6,494	6,434
PA	3,991	3,920	4,088	*4,085	*4,203	4,119
SC	5,124	5,454	5,161	5,455	5,385	5,259
TX	14,884	13,099	14,819	14,816	14,611	14,772
VA	6,354	6,084	6,318	6,382	*6,353	6,323
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,621	*17,321	17,604	17,528	18,280	18,054
19 State Total	210,792	*208,321	*210,712	*213,964	*213,656	213,278
Previous Year Total	212,546	209,473	212,303	214,405	215,913	214,171
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	99	100	99	100

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Jun 24 2006	Jul 1 2006	Jul 8 2006	Jul 15 2006	Jul 22 2006	Jul 29 2006
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,192	22,099	21,003	20,659	21,700	21,276
AR	23,547	24,123	22,993	24,378	22,883	23,210
DE	5,162	4,883	4,703	5,916	5,971	5,158
FL	1,535	1,641	1,546	1,487	1,390	1,388
GA	28,642	28,484	*28,875	28,322	*28,429	28,099
KY	5,400	6,203	5,986	5,836	*5,868	5,804
LA	4,024	3,830	*3,570	3,578	3,916	3,630
MD	6,022	6,098	6,795	5,977	5,699	6,283
MS	15,833	15,885	15,408	15,776	15,166	15,924
NC	15,234	15,302	14,735	*15,641	15,060	14,961
OK	5,080	4,943	5,176	4,527	5,481	5,049
PA	2,821	3,029	2,945	*2,958	*2,849	2,899
SC	4,364	4,870	5,067	4,130	4,754	4,217
TX	12,983	12,863	12,673	12,800	11,069	12,596
VA	5,194	5,248	5,485	5,503	5,198	5,669
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,311	16,047	16,575	16,578	*15,780	16,992
19 State Total	173,344	175,548	*173,535	*174,066	*171,213	173,155
Previous Year Total	178,879	178,732	176,964	175,429	172,892	175,277
Pct. of Prev. Year	97	98	98	99	99	99

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